

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Harkins et al. :  
Divisional of Serial No. 09/732,357 : Group Art Unit Not yet known  
Filed: Herewith : Examiner Not yet known

For DNA ENCODING A NOVEL RG1 POLYPEPTIDE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The above-identified divisional patent application is filed herewith in response to the Restriction Requirement as set forth in the Office Action, mailing date September 20, 2001, in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/732,357. Original Claims 1-23, 30, and 42-43 are cancelled herewith. Original Claims 24-29 and 31-41 remain. New Claims 44-46 have been added. Before action on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.